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FOR THE YEAR

1962

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TEIGNMOUTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT - 1962

Mr. Chairman and Councillors
Ladies and Gentlemen,

I present my Annual Report for the year ended 31st. December, 1962, together with that of the Public Health Inspector.

The statistics showing the Birth and Death rates indicate no material difference from those prevailing in the Administrative County of Devon and in those for the whole of England and Wales.

There is a considerable difference between the Crude and Corrected Death rates. This is due to the fact that Districts such as this attract a large number of elderly persons, and the rate is adjusted by applying a factor supplied by the Registrar General to take this fact into account.

Two Hundred and two deaths occurred in the year 1962 of which 122, or 56%, were aged 75 or more years. Below the age of 44 only 7 deaths occurred. Of these 2 were due to manslaughter, 1 was suicide and another was due to accidental causes. Only 3 can be regarded as due to natural causes and to have been almost unavoidable.

Regarding the Infectious Diseases, it is most important to note the continued absence of such dangerous diseases as Poliomyelitis and Diptheria. This improvement is due entirely to the success of the immunisation and vaccination campaign. The diseases are still present and still as potentially dangerous as ever they were.

Protection is offered either by the Family Doctor, or through the County Council's Mother and Child Welfare Clinics,

against Smallpox, Diptheria, Tetanus, Whooping Cough and Poliomyelitis. In addition all school children are offered protection against Tuberculosis, through the School Medical Service, at the age of 13. Parents are most strongly advised to accept these protective measures.

Tuberculosis continues at a very low level. Only two deaths occurred and there were only two notifications of new cases. The main residue of this disease is now in the elderly and it is most important that the older person should take advantage of the services offered by the Mass Radiography Service. Older people are often unwilling to have their chests X-rayed. Perhaps they can be 'encouraged' by the younger members of the family, who may themselves be at risk.

Lung Cancer and Bronchitis continue to take an unnecessarily large toll, but until there is a decrease in cigarette smoking, we can only expect an increase in the number of deaths from these causes.

In only one case did official action have to be taken during the year in respect of persons in need of care and attention. The large number of elderly persons in the district puts a heavy load on the services responsible for their welfare. It is obviously in everyone's interest that these elderly persons should be allowed to stay in their own homes for as long as possible, and one cannot speak too highly of the help given by the Women's Voluntary Service in organising and distributing well cooked hot meals under the Meals on Wheels service.

Mr. Norman Tucker retired during the year after having been the Public Health Inspector for the past 39 years. Mr. Tucker will long be remembered in Teignmouth for the quiet and efficient manner in which he carried out his duties.

I should like to thank, once again, the Chairman, Councillors and all members of the staff for the help and co-operation received.

I have the honour to be,
Your obedient Servant,

N L Davis

Medical Officer of Health.

December, 1963.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area (in acres).....	2,350
Population Mid 1962.....	11,230
Population 1961 Census (Provisional figure).....	11,576
Rateable Value as at the 1st. January 1962.....	£169,550
Rateable Value as at the 31st. December 1962.....	£174,607
Product of 1d. rate as at the 1st. April 1962....	£697

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	47	59	106
Illegitimate	3	7	10
	50	66	116

Crude Live Birth rate per 1000 total population	10.33
Corrected Live Birth rate per 1000 total population	12.29
Crude Live Birth rate per 1000 total population Administrative County of Devon	14.51
Corrected Live Birth rate per 1000 total population Administrative County of Devon	15.96
Live Birth rate per 1000 total population England and Wales	18.0

Still Births

No still births occurred in Teignmouth during 1962.

Still Birth rate per 1000 total live and still births Administrative County of Devon	15.05
Corresponding rate for England and Wales	18.1

DEATHS

The average age at death, from all causes, was found to be 75.18 years. The average age of all male deaths, during 1962, was 71.77 and for female deaths 77.46 years.

Male	Female	Total
80	122	202

Crude Death rate per 1000 total population	17.99
Corrected Death rate per 1000 total population	10.97
Crude Death rate per 1000 total population Administrative County of Devon	14.83
Corrected Death rate per 1000 total population Administrative County of Devon	10.83
Death rate per 1000 total population England and Wales	11.9

Infant Mortality

No deaths occurred in infants under One year in Teignmouth during 1962.

Infant Mortality rate (Death of Infants under One year) per 1000 total live births - Administrative County of Devon	16.31
Corresponding rate for England and Wales	21.6
Neo-Natal Mortality rate (Death of Infants under Four weeks) per 1000 total live births - Administrative County of Devon	11.56
Corresponding rate for England and Wales	15.1
Peri-Natal Mortality rate (Stillbirths and Deaths of Infants under One week) per 1000 live and still births - Administrative County of Devon	24.41
Corresponding rate for England and Wales	30.8

Maternal Mortality

No maternal deaths occurred in Teignmouth during 1962. Two maternal deaths occurred within the Administrative County of Devon.

AGE AT DEATH

	Male	Female
Infants under One week	-	-
Infants under Four weeks	-	-
Infants under One year	-	-
1 - 4	1	-
5 - 14	-	2
15 - 24	-	-
25 - 44	1	3
45 - 64	15	12
65 - 74	30	16
75 and over	33	89
	80	122

Total : 202

CAUSES OF DEATH

	Male	Female
All causes	80	122
Tuberculosis - respiratory	-	1
Tuberculosis - other than respiratory	1	-
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	3	1
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	8	1
Carried forward	12	3

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CAUSES OF DEATH (continued)

	Male	Female
brought forward	12	3
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	2
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	7	8
Diabetes	1	-
Vascular lesions of nevous system	6	30
Coronary disease, angina	24	9
Hypertension with heart disease	2	5
Other heart disease	7	31
Other circulatory disease	4	2
Pneumonia	4	7
Bronchitis	3	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	3	-
Congenital malformations	-	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	4	17
Motor vehicle accidents	-	1
All other accidents	2	3
Suicide	1	-
Homicide and operations of war	-	2
	80	122

Total : 202

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

	Male	Female	Total
Measles	11	4	15

TUBERCULOSIS

One case of pulmonary and one case of non-pulmonary tuberculosis were notified during 1962. Details are set out in the following table:

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F
Under five years	-	-	-	-
5 - 14	-	-	-	-
15 - 24	-	-	-	-
25 - 44	-	-	1	-
45 - 64	-	1	-	-
65 and over	-	-	-	-
	-	1	1	-

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948 and 1951

Official action under Section 47 of the National Assistance Acts, 1949 and 1951 was necessary in one case during 1962.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT, 1962

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I submit my first Annual Report for the year ended 31st December, 1962.

In June 1962 my predecessor, friend and advisor, Mr. Norman S. Tucker retired through ill health after 39 years service with this Authority. His retirement was however short lived as, after a further illness, he passed away in August.

The purchase by the Council of a bulldozer made possible a considerable improvement on the Refuse Tip at Broadmeadow allowing all refuse to be covered by earth within a few hours of tipping and reducing fly nuisances and the possibility of fires caused by unauthorised persons trespassing on the Tip.

Owing to the pressure of other work the number of routine visits made during the year was not as high as I would have wished.

INSPECTIONS AND VISITS

During the year 1959 inspections and visits were made to various premises for the stated purposes :-

Inspections in connection with General Public Health work - (This figure is inclusive of visits re Camping Sites, Public Conveniences, Schools, Shops, Infectious Disease, Verminous Premises, Pig-eries, Licensed Premises, Miscellaneous Visits, etc:)	422
Inspections in connection with Factories and Premises where Petrol and Explosives are stored :	49
Inspections and Visits re Drainage and the application of the Byelaws :	579
Inspections and Visits re Housing - i.e. Slum Clearance premises, Unfit Houses, Houses for repair and allocation of Council premises :	269
Inspections of Food Premises Restaurants and Cafes, Hotels and Boarding Houses :	274
Visits re Refuse Collection and Disposal :	276
Visits re Rats and Mice :	87
Visits re Sampling of Water and Ice Cream :	3

During the inspections re Drainage 449 Smoke and Water Tests were applied to various sections of drainage to prove soundness.

RODENT CONTROL

In addition to the 87 visits paid in relation to rat and mice infestation by the Public Health Inspector, 207 inspections and 43 treatments have also been made by the Rodent Operator.

RODENT CONTROL (contd:)

In November a 10% test bait of all manholes in the District was carried out followed by a block treatment in the vicinity of each of the 29 manholes showing evidence of an infestation.

FOOD CONDEMNATIONS AND THE APPLICATION OF THE FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1955 and 1960

During the year the following food has been condemned as unfit for human consumption :-

18 lbs.	Beef
5 lbs.	Sausages
2 lbs.	Pork Pies
7 lbs.	Lentils
21 lbs	Dried Milk
2 lbs.	Bread
10 lbs	Cakes
33 lbs.	Sweets

also 238 tins and packets of various foods weighing approximately 687 lbs. have been destroyed - a total weight of 785 lbs.

A total of 274 routine inspections were made to Food Shops, Cafes, Hotels, etc: to ensure compliance with the Food Hygiene Regulations. It was not necessary during the year to institute proceedings against any person and verbal warnings and advice were sufficient in most cases to obtain the improvements required.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES

There are no slaughterhouses within the District.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are no Registered Common Lodging Houses within the District.

SEWERAGE

Nearly all the houses in the District are connected to the foul sewerage system. Sewerage flows by gravity to pumping stations at Teignmouth and Shaldon where it is screened, disintegrated and lifted to storage tanks, to be held until after high tide, when it is discharged through controlled outlets on either side of the river mouth. The enormous tidal outflow from the Estuary carries it far out to sea and the penstocks are closed again before low tide to prevent fouling of the Estuary on the flowing tide.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

During the latter part of the year I made a complete survey of the refuse collection rounds and a census of the number of dustbins in the area. This was a formidable task and took several weeks but I am sure that the result will be a more efficient service and prevent a further rise in the cost of removal of the ever increasing amount of refuse put out for collection.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL (contd:)

The increased capacity of the new Shelvoke and Drewry Fore and Aft Tipper has reduced the number of trips made to the Tip on one round and when integrated into the re-organised rounds should prove a valuable asset.

The collection of Trade Refuse from Shops at a charge of 6d per bin or equivalent package has been continued with satisfactory results and has produced the sum of £79.10. 0d during the year.

As stated earlier controlled tipping in its proper form is now carried out and we have been very fortunate in having an adequate supply of earth and ashes available for covering.

HOUSING

No Slum Clearance or Housing Schemes were carried out in the year mainly due to the high rate of interest on money loaned for building which would place an undue burden on the existing tenants of Council properties under the present arrangement of accessing rent on gross rateable value.

Only 13 premises owned by the Council became available for re-allocation to families on the Housing List and transfers have been arranged between tenants to assist the problem of overcrowding or underoccupation.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen

Your Obedient Servant,

P. Langley

December, 1963 Public Health Inspector

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1959

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1962 FOR THE URBAN DISTRICT OF TEIGNMOUTH IN THE COUNTY OF DEVON

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1937

PART 1 OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector)

	No: on Register	Number of Inspections	Number of Written Notices	Number of Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which S 1,2,3,4, & 6 are to be enforced by L/A	27	9	4	NIL
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which S 7 is enforced by the L/A	96	40	3	NIL
(iii) Other premises in which S 7 is enforced by the L/A (excluding out-workers' premises)	Nil	Nil	Nil	NIL
TOTALS	123	49	7	NIL

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

		No: of cases in which defects were found				No: of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
		Found	Remedied	To H.M. Insptr.	By H.M. Insptr.	
Want of Cleanliness	S 1	4	4	-	-	Nil
Overcrowding	S 2	-	-	-	-	Nil
Unreasonable Temperature	S 3	-	-	-	-	Nil
Inadequate Ventilation	S 4	-	-	-	-	Nil
Ineffective drainage of floors	S 6	-	-	-	-	Nil
Sanitary Conveniences						
(a) Insufficient	S 7	2	2	-	-	Nil
(b) Unsuitable or defective		1	1	-	-	Nil
(c) Not separate for Sexes		-	-	-	-	Nil
Other offences against the Act		-	-	-	-	Nil
TOTALS		7	7	-	-	Nil

No cases of outwork being carried out in unwholesome premises have been found and consequently Table 3 has not been included.

WATER SUPPLY

Water Engineer's Report for the year ended 31st December, 1962

There were no unusual features upon which a report is necessary and there was a continuous supply throughout the year.

STATISTICS

Population supplied - (Urban District only) :	Winter	11,850 (estimated)
	Summer	25,000 - 30,000 (estimated)
Maximum daily consumption (Summer)		775,000 gallons
Average daily consumption		620,000 gallons

December, 1963

Engineer & Surveyor

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH OF PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY FOR THE YEAR 1962

SECTION 1 - STAFF

TABLE A

Name of Officer	Nature of Appointment	Date of Appointment	Qualifications	Any other appointments
Dr. H. M. Davies	Port Medical Officer	10th. July, 1953	M.A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.	Medical Officer of Health:- Newton Abbot R.D.C. Dawlish U.D.C. Newton Abbot J.D.C. Teignmouth U.D.C. Assistant County Medical Officer - Devon County Council
N. S. Tucker	Port Health Inspector	5th. June 1923 (ret'd June, 1962)	C.R.S.I. (Meat & Other Foods Certificate)	Public Health Inspector & Housing Officer - Teignmouth U.D.C.
P. Langston	Port Health Inspector	1st. April 1959	C.R.S.I., (Meat & Other Foods Certificate)	Public Health Inspector & Housing Officer - Teignmouth U.D.C.

Address and telephone number of Medical Officer of Health)	10 Highweek Street, Newton Abbot. 'phone Newton Abbot 2780.

SECTION 11

AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR

TABLE B

SHIPS FROM	NUMBER	TONNAGE	NUMBER INSPECTED		NUMBER OF SHIPS REPORTED AS HAVING HAD, DURING THE VOYAGE, INFECTIOUS DISEASES ON BOARD
			BY THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH	BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR	
Foreign Ports	227	52,020	3	9	NIL
Coastwise	266	63,172	2	16	NIL
TOTAL	493	115,192	5	25	NIL

SECTION 111

CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE DURING THE YEAR

TABLE C

Passenger Traffic (Number of passengers INWARDS ...
(Number of passengers OUTWARDS

This is not a port approved under the Aliens Order, 1920

Cargo Traffic Principal IMPORTS: Coal, Timber, Cement, Bricks, Tiles, Hardboard, Potatoes, Cider.

Principal EXPORTS: Clay, Coke, Scrap Metal.

PORTS from which ships arrive: Amsterdam, Antwerp, Bayonne, Bilbao, Bremen, Brest, Caen, Calais, Capella, Cherbourg Concarneau, Dieppe, Dordrecht, Duvarnenez, Dunkirk, Fecamp, Gijon, Granville, Ghent, Gruvon, Guernsey, Hamburg, Hamina, Honfleur, Kasko, Kemi, Kiel, Kotka, Le Guildo, Le Havre, La Pallice, Morlaix, Nantes, Pontrieux, Quimper, Randers, Roscoff, Rotterdam, Rouen, Rumpst, Santander, St.Brieuc, St.Helier, St.Malo, St.Nazaire, St.Peter Port, Scheveningen, Treguir, Treport, Uddeualla, Zaandam.

COASTWISE :- Amble, Appledore, Ardrossan, Avonmouth, Barnstaple, Barrow, Barrydock, Belfast, Bideford, Birkenhead, Blyth, Bridgwater, Bridport, Bristol, Cardiff, Charlestown, Ccleraine, Cork, Cowes, Dartmouth, Dover, Dublin, Dundalk, Dungarven, Exmouth, Falmouth, Felixstowe, Flushing, Fowey, Galway, Garston, Glasgow, Goole, Grangemouth, Greenock, Great Yarmouth, Ipswich, Hayle, Hull, Kilkeel, Kilrush, Kinsale, Lancaster, Limerick, Littlehampton, Liverpool, London, Londonderry, Manchester, Middlesbrough, Milford Haven, Mostyn, Newhaven, Newport, New Ross, Par, Penzance, Plymouth, Poole, Portsmouth, Preston, Runcorn, Sharpness, Shoreham, Silloth, Southampton, Swansea, Totnes, Truro, Waterford, Weymouth.

SECTION 1V

INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC

Numbers and tonnage using the district and places served by the traffic - Nil

SECTION V

WATER SUPPLY - No change.

SECTION V1

PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS) REGULATIONS, 1952 - No change

SECTION V11

SMALLPOX

1. The Isolation Hospital to which Smallpox cases will be sent from the district is the Smallpox Hospital, Upton Pyne, near Exeter (Tel.No. Stoke Canon 207)

2. Transport arrangements will be made by the Medical Superintendent of the Isolation Hospital, Exeter. (Tel. No. Exeter 67158)

3. The following consultants are available as and when necessry:-
   Dr.J.Macrae, Ham Green Isolation Hospital, Bristol,
   Dr.W.A.Lister, 10 The Crescent, Plymouth.

4. Specimens for laboratory diagnosis will be sent to the:-
   Virus Regerence Laboratory,
   Central Public Health Laboratory,
   Colindale,
   London, N.W.9.

SECTION V111

VENERAL DISEASE - no change

SECTION 1X

Cases of notifiable and other infectious disease on ships

No cases of notifiable and other infectious diseases were reported during the year.

SECTION X

Observations on the occurrence of malaria in ships

No cases of malaria were notified during the year

SECTION X1

Measures take against ships infected with or suspected for plague.

No action was necessary under this section.

SECTION X11

Measures against rodents in ships from foreign ports

1. Procedures for inspection of ships for rats
   Enquiries are made from masters of vessels using the port, by the Public Health Inspector, regarding the presence of rats.

2. Arrangements for the bacteriological or pathological examination of rodents, with special reference to rodent plague, including the number of rodents sent for examination during the year
   Facilities are available for the bacteriological examination of rodents at the Public Health Laboratory at Exeter. No rodents were sent for examination during the year.

3. Arrangements in the district for deratting ships, the methods used, and, if done by a commercial contractor, the name of the contractor.

A ship requiring deratting can now be dealt with at Teignmouth.

4. Progress in the rat-proofing of ships

No action was taken in this matter at Teignmouth during 1962.

TABLE E

Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports.

No rats were destroyed at Teignmouth, during 1962, in ships from foreign ports.

TABLE F

Deratting Certificates and Deratting Exemption Certificates issued during the year for ships from foreign ports.

No Deratting Certificates were issued during 1962. Seven Deratting Exemption Certificates were issued during 1962.

SECTION XIII

Inspection of ships for nuisances

TABLE G - Inspections and Notices

Nine inspections were carried out during 1962 of ships from foreign ports. No notices were served.

SECTION XIV

Public Health (Shell-fish) Regulations, 1934 and 1948

No change.

SECTION XV

Medical Inspection of Aliens

Not applicable to this Authority.